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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Yukihiro Aoki et al.

Serial No. : 09/743,489

Filed : May 8, 2000

For : NETWORK CONNECTION RECOGNITION METHOD, NETWORK SYSTEM, AND NETWORK CONNECTION TERMINAL DEVICE

Date : September 18, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

X No fee is required.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified
application, Applicants respectfully request that the application
be amended as follows.